

# Ellis Island Oral Interview

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**Interviewee: Catherine Gaetano Gallippi**

Date of Birth: February 17, 1914

Date of Interview: December 12, 1990

Interviewer: Paul E. Sigrist, Jr.

Immigrated from Italy at Age 8 in 1922

Ellis Island Collection: EI-17

**Gallippi (Her Mother's Disappointment with America):** When we came here into America my mother complained, she says, "My God, I thought America was supposed to be something great. You have gaslights here. We had electric lights in Italy." (she laughs)